

SITUATION REPORT NO. 33
INCIDENT NO. 99-009
DATE: September 2, 1999 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

TO: Governor Edward T. Schafer
State Capitol
Bismarck, ND 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Storms and flooding – Above normal soil moisture content throughout North Dakota, compounded by seven years of flooding and additional precipitation, has resulted in overland, river and flash flooding and ground movement (landslides and mudslides). Excessive high winds associated with storm and tornado activity have contributed to ongoing problems faced by North Dakotans.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: No change from previous reports.
3. DAMAGES: On September 1, Devils Lake measured 1,447.04 feet at Creel Bay.
4. RESOURCES:

LOCAL: No change from previous reports.

STATE: No change from previous reports.

FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.

5. VOLUNTEER ACTION: No change from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: The Crisis Counseling Program managed by the North Dakota Department of Human Services is continuing to do door to door contact with Kidder County flood victims.

State Medical Services will waive the six month waiting period for farm families affected by the disaster for Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).

The Mental Health Association in North Dakota continues to be busy, averaging 40 calls per day, with two-thirds of those related to disaster issues. However, people are still reluctant to sign up for help.

Program Updates for FEMA-1279-DR-ND

Staff for the state Public Assistance Program has delivered \$4.5 million to date. The program has received a total of 291 applications from eligible 41 counties, 138 cities, 14 electrical cooperatives, 28 school districts, 13 park districts, 22 water resource boards, five Indian reservations, seven state agencies and 24 others to include private non-profit organizations providing essential governmental services.

North Dakota Job Service has received 6,356 claims for Disaster Unemployment Assistance. As of September 1, \$8,306.180 in benefits has been paid to farmers, ranchers, farm workers, migrant workers and other self-employed individuals who lost income because of the disaster.

To date, 9,549 North Dakotans have registered for assistance through Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) teleregistration center. Of those, 7,484 have applied for Disaster Housing Assistance. To date, FEMA has paid \$10,924,757 in benefits under the Disaster Housing Program. Of that amount, \$3,445,202.63 has been designated for expanded habitability measures designed to mitigate future flood damages. Those measures include interior drain systems, sump pumps, gutters and downspouts, basement fills and land sloping work.

The Individual and Family Grant Program, administered by North Dakota Emergency Management, has received 4,777 applications and approved \$626,990 in benefits. The average grant amounts to approximately \$500.

The Small Business Administration (SBA) has sent 7,747 applications to disaster victims and has administered \$4,855,300 in loans as of September 1.

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application period closed 8/31/99. Forty seven applications, requesting \$11.4 million have been received. The State Hazard Mitigation Team will meet the week of September 7 to rank and prioritize the application.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: Assistance has been provided, as reported.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: FEMA, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Red Cross, consulting engineers and members of the N.D. Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD).
9. OTHER: Situation Reports published by the N.D. Division of Emergency Management are posted on the Division's Internet Home page. The address is: <http://www.state.nd.us/dem>.

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